

Tauranga Moana/Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum Representation review - 2017

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Partnership Forum
THE WESTERN BAY WORKING TOGETHER



Defining a new partnership

- The opportunity
- Mandate for change
- Key drivers for representation
- Politics, rhetoric and reality
- Telling our story
- A time to lead



The opportunity

- **A natural progression**
 - **Forums**
 - We've poured the foundation
 - **Te Ara Mua**
 - The framing has gone up
- **Representation review**
 - It's time to put the roof on so we can have a strong and sustainable whare



The opportunity (*cont*)

- Addressing equity and fairness
 - *No system is perfect but it must represent the people it affects.*

*Grant Smith, Mayor, Palmerston North
Decision to establish Maori Wards - 24 Oct 2017*
 - *We are one nation but two cultures, we are not mono-cultural. Our democratic systems should properly reflect our duality.*

Rua Kenana



The opportunity *(cont)*

- **Being 'in sync'**
 - Post Treaty Settlement landscape
 - A new political reality
 - An appetite for change
 - Central government
 - Coalition Cabinet, new/revised Ministries
 - Local government
 - Wairoa
 - Palmerston North



Mandate for change

- **Political/democratic**
 - Principal expression of tangata whenua's constitutional position under the Treaty
- **Legislative**
 - Local Government Act



Key drivers for representation

- **Cultural – enduring connection**
 - Whakapapa, whenua, moana, taonga
- **Economic – increasing influence**
 - Impact of Treaty settlements
 - Increasing size of Maori economy
- **Realising these opportunities**
 - Stronger and more effective representation at the Council table



Process and politics

- **Bureaucratic process**
- **Political leadership**
 - A difficult road
 - We're in this together
 - Rational, compelling, defensible debate
 - The measured voice of leadership or the passive voice of ambivalence?
- **Hurdles in front of us**
 - Rhetoric vs. reality...



Balancing rhetoric with reality

- **Rhetoric** – separatism, anti-democratic
- **Reality**
 - Opposite of separatism – tangibly recognises the concept of partnership and proportional representation
 - The heart of democracy
 - *Government by the people, for the people*
 - Specifically considers the Crown's Treaty obligations



Telling our story

- Supporting the Forum's and Council's communications
- Singing from the same song sheet
 - Q&A
 - Key messages
 - Talking points



A time to lead

- **We've laid the foundations together**
- **It's time to cement our partnership**
 - The opportunity to express confidence and trust in each other.
- **Doing the right thing**
 - Opportunity to improve the balance of representation around the Council table in a democratic manner.



A time to lead

*Nā to rourou nāku te rourou ka ora
ai te iwi, ka ora ai te tangata*

With your basket and my basket put
into the same basket, the people
will thrive

